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Dear Parents, Families, and Other Primary Care Providers,

The Early Learning Guidelines Task Force is proud to present to you our first publication of the ***New Hampshire Early Learning Guidelines***. This document supports learning through play and serves as a resource for all those entrusted with the care and education of New Hampshire's youngest children.

Supporting young children's development and learning is a complex and exciting undertaking. Adults who work with and care for young children have a unique opportunity to encourage a sense of wonder and joy in both children and themselves. The ***Guidelines*** explore early childhood developmental domains in a fun, attractive, and easy to read format. We encourage you to use the cards located in the back pocket with your child's teacher or health practitioner regarding developmental tasks for young children.

The ***Guidelines*** are a tool to encourage your active participation in the care, education, and development of young children. The ***Guidelines*** address learning and development appropriate for children from birth to entrance into kindergarten, and can serve as a vehicle to expand the ways families and their children play and learn together. They can also be used by early childhood educators, community members, advocates and policymakers to advance policies, practices, and learning opportunities that benefit New Hampshire's youngest citizens.

We hope you enjoy reading the ***New Hampshire Early Learning Guidelines*** and we are very interested in your feedback. Please send your comments to:

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Sincerely,

The Early Learning Guidelines Task Force and The Child Development Bureau

